## **Dangling or Unrelated Participles:**

1. We took our seats. Then we watched the game.



## **Solutions**

In this exercise, two sentences need to be connected to make them sound more elegant. Tick the correct sentence.

<ul><li>✓ Taking our seats, we watched the game.</li><li>☐ Taking our seats, the game started.</li></ul>
2. The evening passed pleasantly. We ate snacks and watched TV.
<ul><li>✓ We passed the evening pleasantly, eating snacks and watching TV.</li><li>□ Eating snacks and watching TV, the evening passed pleasantly.</li></ul>
3. We sat there a while. Then it began to snow, and we went inside.
<ul> <li>□ After sitting there a while, it began to snow, and we went inside.</li> <li>☑ After sitting there a while, we went inside because it began to snow.</li> </ul>
4. We were in a hurry to leave. His mom did not notice that we had not done our homework.
☐ Being in a hurry to leave, his mom did not notice that we had not done our
homework.  Being in a hurry to leave, we slipped past his mom, so she did not notice that we had not done our homework.
5. I read the newspaper. Our neighbors' dog started to bark.
<ul><li>✓ Reading the newspaper, I heard our neighbors' dog start to bark.</li><li>☐ Reading the newspaper, our neighbors' dog started to bark.</li></ul>
6. I left him. Now life seems empty to me.
<ul> <li>☐ Since leaving him, life has seemed empty to me.</li> <li>☑ Since leaving him, I feel life has become empty.</li> </ul>
7. They walked across the street. His cell phone fell out of his pocket.
<ul> <li>□ Walking across the street, his cell phone fell out of his pocket.</li> <li>☑ His cell phone fell out of his pocket, when they walked across the street.</li> </ul>
8. I finished my work. Then the teacher gave me a new task.
<ul><li>✓ Having finished my work, I was given a new task by the teacher.</li><li>☐ Having finished my work, the teacher gave me a new task.</li></ul>
9. I turned around the corner. A man bumped into me.
<ul> <li>☐ Turning around the corner, a man bumped into me.</li> <li>☑ Turning around the corner, I was run over by a man.</li> </ul>